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**AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed March 25, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on June 25, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.